

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner alleges that the claims lack unity of invention and has required election under 37 CFR 1.499 in the present application between:

**Group I**, claims 1-5 (in-part), drawn to a process for preparing compounds of formula (2) wherein: R is a cyano group; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> independently represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group or a carboxyl group;

**Group II**, claims 1-5 (in-part), drawn to a process for preparing compounds of formula (2) wherein: R is an ester group; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> independently represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, or a carboxyl group;

**Group III**, claims 1-5 (in-part), drawn to a process for preparing compounds of formula (2) wherein: R is a carboxyl group; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> independently represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, or a carboxyl group;

**Group IV**, claims 6-10, drawn to a process for preparing compounds of formula (3) wherein: R is cyano group, carboxyl group or an ester group;

**Group V**, claims 11, drawn to a process for preparing compounds of formula (3) wherein: R is cyano group, carboxyl group or an ester group; and

**Group VI**, claims 12-14, drawn to a process for preparing compounds of formula (9).

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group IV, Claims 6 to 10.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., Registration No 43,575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

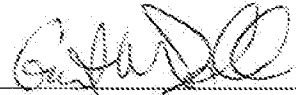
☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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